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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that you make the following amendment prior to examination of the subject application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

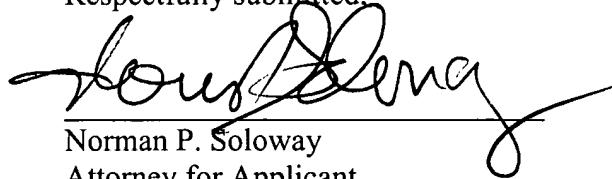
Please amend claim 23 as follows:

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23. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the inulin is chicory inulin with a [(DP)] (DP) ranging from about 10 to about 30, or oligofructose with a [DP] (DP) ranging from 2 to 7 and containing about 5 wt% in total of glucose, fructose and sucrose.

**REMARKS**

Claim 23 has been amended to correct an obvious clerical error. No new matter has been entered. Examination of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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